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ZIMMERMANN ET AL.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/565,453 35 USC §371 DATE: 18 MAY 2006

FOR: COMBINATIONS OF A CATHEPSIN K INHIBITOR AND A

BISPHOSPHONATE IN THE TREATMENT OF BONE METASTASIS

TUMOR GROWTH AND TUMOR-INDUCED BONE LOSS

MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants believe this paper is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The asterisked references were cited in the International Search Report and since copies of said references were forwarded by the International Bureau, only copies of the non-asterisked references are enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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